THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, the 17th December 1947.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at eleven of the clock, Mr. President (THE HON. SRI R. B. RAMAKRISHNA RAJU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Service Associations.

* 187 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state—

(*a*) the conditions on which recognition is accorded to Service Associations such as the Madras Secretariat Association and the Non-Gazetted Officers' Association;

(*b*) whether these associations are precluded from representing the grievances of its members and seeking redress;

(*c*) whether such representation of grievances is against Government Servants' Conduct Rules;

(*d*) if so, what is the source to which Government look for information to ascertain the contentment or discontent existing among their employees; and

(*e*) whether the Madras Secretariat Association has been threatened with disciplinary action for the alleged offence of leakage of information in the Press on the ballot of 'direct action' taken by the Association?

THE HON. SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI RDDIYAR:—"(*a*) பப்ளிக் சர்வீஸ் சம்மந்தமான 1938-ம்௵ ஜூன்௴ 30௳யுள்ள ஜி.ஓ. நெ. 1116[a] இங்கே இன்று சபை மேஜையின் மேல் வைக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது.

"(*b*) இல்லை.

"(*c*) இல்லை.

"(*d*) கேள்வி எழவில்லை.

"(*e*) ஆம்."

[(*a*) *A copy of G.O. No. 1116, Public (Services), dated 30th June 1938, is laid on the table of the House.*

(*b*) *The answer is in the negative.*

(*c*) *The answer is in the negative.*

(*d*) *This does not arise.*

(*e*) *The answer is in the affirmative.*]

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—"May I know with reference to clause 3 in the Government Order placed on the table of the House, which says 'Every Government employee of the

[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 265–266 infra.

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same class must be eligible for membership of the association,' what is meant by the same class; is it a class or category or grade?"

THE HON. SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" அதைப் பற்றி தனி கேள்வி போட்டால் பிறகு தெரிவிக்கிறேன்."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Are the Government aware that associations of public servants are also registered under the Trade Unions Act in the United Kingdom as well as in the neighbouring island of Ceylon?"

THE HON. SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" எனக்குத் தெரியாது."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Are Government aware that except when having a political objective or for lending support to workers outside the public service, recognition cannot be withdrawn if the strike is in relation to objects affecting public servants?"

THE HON. SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" இல்லை."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I take it whether the public servants if they strike to further their own interest Government are not justified in withdrawing recognition of their Association?"

THE HON. SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" கவர்ன்மெண்டு நடப்பதற்கு எந்த விதமாக நடக்கவேண்டுமோ அதற்குச் சரியாக அவர்கள் நடக்கவேண்டும். அதற்கு விரோதமாக நடந்தால் அதைப்பற்றி கவனிக்கப்படும்."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether there are any rules—I do not see anything here in the paper laid on the table of the House—to say, under what circumstances Government will be forced to withdraw recognition of the Association?"

THE HON. SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" அவர்களுடைய நடவடிக்கைகளிலிருந்து தெரிகிறது."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether there is any proposal to establish councils on the model of the Whitley Councils with regard to public services?"

THE HON. SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" இல்லை."

Ban on ' Swarajya Geethamulu '.

* 188 Q.—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the ban on ' Swarajya Geethamulu ' by Sri Garimella Satyanarayana has been removed; and

(*b*) if not, whether the Government will be pleased to remove the ban on those popular ballads?